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Dr. Rich is currently serving as Chief, Contracting Division, United States Army Engineer District, Baltimore where he manages an office of 70+ acquisition professionals and an annual contract obligation program of approximately \$500,000,000. He began his Federal career in 1979 as a Presidential Management Intern with the Corps of Engineers, North Pacific Division in Portland Oregon. In 1990 he relocated to Anchorage Alaska to serve as Assistant Chief of Contracting with the Alaska District. While there he worked extensively with the development of the environmental contracting program and management of installation support tools such as Job Order Contracts. He also served a short tour as Chief of Contracting and Contracting Officer for the Kuwait Emergency Recovery Operation (KERO) in Kuwait City.

In 1994 he accepted the Chief, Contracting Division position with the Galveston District where his primary focus was in support of Civil Works flood control projects and projects related to maintenance dredging and enhancement of the Gulf Intercoastal Water Way (GIWW) and Houston ship channel.

From 1997-1999 he served as Chief, Contracting Division, Kansas City District where he was active in a wide range of contracting initiatives supporting military installations, environmental remediation projects, and contract support for the Ft. Leonard Wood BRAC 95 projects.

In April of 1999 he accepted a position as Chief of the Contracting IPT for Pentagon Renovation where he worked operational contract administration for various award fee contracts and acquisition strategy issues associated with completion of the renovation project. In May of 2000 he was reassigned by the Commander, Baltimore District to be Chief, Contracting Division. At the request of USACE he assumed the role of Contracting Officer for the FT. Meade RCI project in 2000 and has subsequently served the program as DA RCI Contracting Officer.

Long active as an instructor he has taught PROSPECT courses in construction contract management for the USACE and courses in public administration and policy for the University of Alaska, Webster University and Army Command and General Staff College. He holds a Masters in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Urban Studies (Policy Analysis).